DRAFT MINUTES OF GRANBY CUM SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

9th October 2025

Councillor's Present: T Fewell – Chair (TF), M Stevenson (MS), B Preece (BP), R Kuca (RK), S March (SM), Cllr S Pearson (SP)

In Attendance: S Ellis (Clerk)

Open Session: (SP) asked the Cllrs to inform him on any suggestions for road repairs in the Granby Cum Sutton area in order that Highways can prioritise a list of works needing to be carried out. (TF) asked the (Clerk) to email the Cllrs asking for their suggestions to allow a list to be compiled. (SP) then stated that the Local Community Fund (LCF) would be open for funding applications the following week and closing on Nov 7th. (TF) asked if the LCF could be applicable to the ceiling repairs in the back room. (TF) then asked for any updates on Local Govt Reform. (SP) stated that Nottingham CC are still lobbying to incorporate parts of Gedling and West Bridgford into the City but believes the rest of Rushcliffe is safe. Also pointed out that only 1% approx of residence in Rushcliffe replied to the Consultation.

1. **Apologies for absence & acceptance:** M Tubbs (MT), R Biggs (RB), Cllr C Grocock (CG).
2. **Declaration of interest on items below:** None stated
3. **Approval of minutes 11th Sept 2025 to be signed:** Signed by Chair (TF)
4. **Review of previous actions:**

   Defibrillator Update: (Clerk) explained that because our funding application with ST Water has been increased to £2000, this meant that the funding panel would not be making their decision until late October. Cllrs agreed that because the Defibs are being monitored on a weekly basis, we will await the outcome of the ST Water funding panel decision. Clerk to also check the Local Community Funding scheme (small projects) when details are released.

   Ceiling – Back Room: Update: (Clerk) informed the Cllrs that one of the builders had re-quoted a figure of £2,856 + VAT for the design decided upon at the Sept PC meeting. Cllrs voted in favour of proceeding with this price.

   Lengthsman Scheme: (Clerk) confirmed to the Cllrs that we are still members of the scheme and that he would procure an example of a typical invoice that is usually sent to ViaEM.

   Ditch on Sutton Lane: (Clerk) read out the ViaEM response stating that the landowner of the field adjacent to the ditch is responsible for clearing the ditch. ViaEM will only become involved if flooding spreads onto the pavement and highway – at which point they will contact the landowner.

5. **Correspondence (all Correspondence shared with Full Council since last meeting:**

   Notts ALC Newsletter – Oct. RCAN Cluster Group meetings. Lois Hamson – Pint Glasses. Town & Parish Update – Sept 19th. Notts & Nottingham Local Waste Plan – Adoption. RBC Consultation – new homes at Tollerton/Gamston.

   Summaries of the above correspondence was read out to the Cllrs who had no comments.

6. **Allotments:** (MS) informed the meeting he has been in contact with the Architect acting for the Applicant of the new 4 House/Allotments/Nature Reserve venture. At present, still unable to ascertain what constraints RBC planners will set. (MS) stated his wish to hold a meeting in the Village Hall to

consult/advise interested Parishioners of the need to establish an Allotment Society which would, in due course, need to adopt a constitution for which (MS) has a template and elect an Allotment Committee. MS stated that he would be happy to be the PC's representative to that committee. Finally, (MS) proposed that the PC would rent the allotments as a whole to the Allotment Society which in turn would be responsible for recovering those monies from Allotment Holders via a yearly rent. (TF) stated he would forward a contact name at the National Allotment Society to (MS) and it would be good if this person was able to attend the proposed meeting.

7. **Village Hall Repairs: Updates**

7.1 Interested Potential Builder: (TF) stated that he had contacted the interested party and was now awaiting to hear when they can attend the Village Hall. (RK) commented that there seems to be a big variation in the quotations that we have received so far. (TF) asked if the LCF was a viable option for funding, (Clerk) to contact (SP) on this matter.

8. **. gov.uk Email Address:** (Clerk) will clarify costs to the PC by the time of next meeting. Clerk to circulate the NALC guidance on setting up and administering the email accounts.

9. Booking Village Hall/Website: (RB) had already pointed out via email before the meeting that a Parishioner was having trouble assessing how to book the Village Hall. (TF) said the Website now gives the Clerks email address. Also agreed that the (Clerk) needs access to the Website bookings page and calendar to maintain it.

10. Planning Applications:

Reference Number: 25/01589/FUL
Applicant: Mr Mark Hornbuckle
Development: Erection of a self-build agricultural dwelling
Location: Land Southeast of Sutton Lane Granby Nottinghamshire

Cllrs voiced no objections to the proposed dwelling itself but did raise concerns about the Applicant and respecting and maintaining the footpath leading to, around and from the proposed development . Cllrs also voiced their concerns regarding a Static Caravan that "just appeared out of nowhere" on the site of the proposed development with neither notice or approval.

11. Planning Notifications: None Received

12. Finance:

New End of Month Balancing: (Clerk) informed the Cllrs that as RFO they were not comfortable with only balancing the accounts once every 3 months, and that from the start of this financial year the accounts have been balanced every month. And that since April 25 there is now a balancing sheet for every month.

To approve all payments – paid & to be paid – Accounts shown in separate Appendix.

Unity Trust Current Account balance (as at 05/10/25)	**£ 8,178.97**
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Unity Trust Reserve Account balance (as at 05/10/25)	**£ 10,949.44**
Unity Trust Fund Raising Account balance (as at 05/10/25)	**£ 6,839.03**

13. **Councillor's Reports:** (RK) mentioned that a team was happy to do a litter picking session and wanted to set a date for a Village Clean Up.

(RK) stated that whilst he supported/liked the idea of a social evening that included Table Tennis and other games, it would not be a formal Table Tennis Club. Also pointed out all children would have to be accompanied by an adult. The alternative was to become involved with DBS forms and the associated costs that would entail. (BP) said that we need to give it ago to see how it turns out. Mondays were suggested as the best day. (RF) will reply to the Cllrs on this matter.

(BP) said that Anna Betts had been enquiring about Christmas trees. (TF) will speak to a contact to see if 2 trees are available, one for Granby, one for Sutton.

(BP) reported that after a conversation, Isabelle Daw would like a tree and bench to be planted and placed in the new nature reserve when eventually constructed. Cllrs agreed this was a nice idea.

(SM) raised the matter of dog droppings on both Sutton and Plungar lanes. Cllrs decided to place a prominent front-page item on the next Village Newsletter asking dog owners to pick up "their mess"

(MS) suggested a pruning session in the Cemetery, two possible dates were agreed on, Sunday's 19th or 26th October

(MS) stated that he had attended the Book Club held at the Old Post Office and had thoroughly enjoyed it, would recommend it to other Parishioners.

14. Chairman's Reports: (TF) informed the meeting that he had arranged a meeting with the Wildlife Trust to discuss ideas concerning the new up and coming Nature Reserve in Sutton.

(TF) reminded the meeting that Remembrance Sunday will be on 9th November, but the next PC meeting is on 13th November. Stated that he would be happy to represent the PC.

(TF) asked the (Clerk) to liaise with Elaine Walsh regarding making a Wreath for the PC to lay on the day of Remembrance. Would also ask for volunteers to help place the Poppies on lampposts.

Meeting closed at 21.25

Signed (Chair) …….. **Date** ……